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1. ECON COUNSELOR DURING COURSE OF LONG-SOUGHT CALL JULY 27 ON COMMERCE AND FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY MATIUR RAHMAN (WHO HAD BEEN FIRST OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND THEN OCCUPIES WITH SERIES OF TRADE DELEGATIONS), TOOK UP ISSUES RAISED REFTEL. ECON COUNSELOR WILL FOLLOW UP DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 2 WITH COMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY CONCERNED NURUL NABI CHOUDHURY, WHO AT PRESENT ATTENDING TRADE MEETING IN BANGKOK.

2. GIVEN COMPLEXITY THIS ISSUE AND NEED FOR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WITH BANGLADESH CIVIL SERVANTS HERE, WHO GENERALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH SUCH TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ECON COUNSELOR LEFT TWO PAPERS WITH COMMERCE SECRETARY. ONE DRAW FROM BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA TWO THROUGH SIX, REFTEL; THE OTHER DRAWN FROM PARA 8, PROVIDING RATIONALE FOR US POSITION ON NEED FOR CONCESSIONS BY LDCS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS
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3. COMMERCE SECRETARY AGREED TO STUDY PAPERS AND TO PASS THEM TO JOINT

SECRETARY CHOUDHURY FOR HIS ATTENTION. IN RESPONSE TO ECON
COUNSELOR'S EMPHASIS ON OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF SOME CONCESSIONS
FROM BANGLADESH IF US IS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL TARIFF CUTS, COMMERCE
SECRETARY INDICATED GENERAL DESIRE TO MEET US NEED.
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